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Erie County reports 21 new positive cases of COVID-19 for total of 183

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper today announced 21 new positive cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Erie County. The total positive cases of COVID-19 in Erie County to date is 183, with 3,558 negatives and 121 recovered.

Current data can be found on the <u>chart</u> on the "Positive Cases in Erie County" page at eriecountypa.gov. The cumulative cases map will be updated Friday, May 22.

"Please help us," said Dahlkemper. "Staying home is still the best way to stay safe, even though the stay-athome order has been lifted. Maintain your space. Avoid gathering with more than 25 people. Remember that anyone can have the virus without feeling sick. Cover your face. Wear a mask when visiting with friends, even when you are outside, and maintain a 6-foot distance. Wash your hands often, and for at least 20 seconds each time. If the virus can't stick, it can't make you sick. We need you to do your part."

<u>Guidelines for surviving the pandemic</u> can be found online at eriecountypa.gov on the "Community Health Interest" page.

Charlotte Berringer, director of community health services at the Erie County Department of Health, joined the County Executive today to provide an update on contact tracing and the status of the per diem jobs. Applications are still being accepted for call center representatives and disease investigators. Apply at careers.eriecountypa.gov.

All questions related to COVID-19 symptoms and enforcement should be directed to Erie County Department of Health at 814-451-6700 or ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov.

For more information related to COVID-19 including fact sheets, business resources, family resources, videos, translations, guidance and more, visit <u>eriecountypa.gov</u> and the social media accounts for Erie County, Pa., and Erie County Department of Health.

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